

Tree Molds Trail

When molten lava advanced through this area it flowed through a grove of living trees. As the trees burned, moisture was released as steam, cooling the hot lava just enough to leave an impression of the charred wood on the surface.

U.S. Department of the Interior Tree molds may appear as vertical holes in the lava, or, if the tree fell on to the surface of a molten flow, a horizontal mold. Look for wooden posts that indicate the location of both types of tree molds near the end of this trail.